



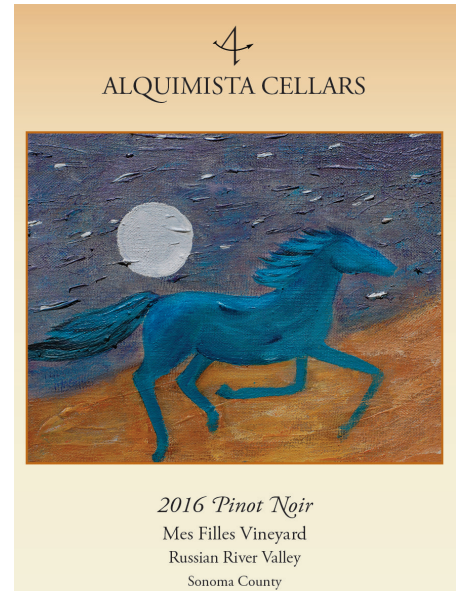
ALQUIMISTA CELLARS

2016 *Mes Filles* Vineyard Pinot Noir - Russian River Valley - Sonoma County

Our 2016 *Mes Filles* Pinot Noir owes its heritage to 1995 when Rick and Diane DuNah bought this remarkable property. The couple set out to learn the most advanced viticultural techniques and plant the very best Pinot noir clones available in California. Studying under the legendary Rich Thomas in the viticulture department Santa Rosa Junior College, Rick and Diane planted clones Pommard and Dijons 114, 115 and 667 to this unique solo-hill vineyard in the farthest southwest corner of the Russian River appellation of the Sebastopol Hills overlooking the Petaluma Gap.

Purchased in 2014 by David Gensler and renamed “*Mes Filles*” for his 4 daughters, the vineyard is managed by Patrick Dillon and Greg La Follette, using techniques that have been termed “the new viticulture” using vine physiology and meteorological science as the guide, rather than the traditional calendar-based vineyard activity. Greg’s farming techniques have been published by the American Society of Enology and Viticulture and at the University of Burgundy.

TASTING NOTES – Balanced with red cherry and pomegranate fruit vs. peaty earthiness and minerality. Fresh acidity and well-integrated tannins on late palate, clean finish.



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Technical Data

- **Vineyard:** Small 9-acre vineyard with very low yields, small berry and clusters. Above fog line in the Sebastopol Hills, overlooking the Petaluma Wind Gap. Long hours of hilltop sunlight, cool coastal temperatures
- **Appellation:** Russian River Valley
- **Production:** 67 Cases, \$71 per bottle retail
- **Analysis:**
 - **Alcohol:** 13.8%
 - **pH:** 3.39
 - **TA:** 7.27 (very high acidity for a CA PN)
 - **Residual Sugar:** 0.2 g/L (very very dry)